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SUBJECT: PAIGC, PORTUGUESE AFRICAN UNIT BATTLE ON
GUINEAN BORDER; CUBANS AMONG PAIGC CASUALTIES?

1. PORTUGUESE PRESS OF JANUARY 11 HIGHLIGHTS REPORT
FROM BISSAU THAT AFTER RECENT ATTACK BY PAIGC ON VILLAGE
OF CANQUELIFA (IN NE CORNER OF PORTUGUESE GUINEA,
ABOUT 15 KMS FROM GUINEA AND 10 KMS FROM SENEGAL) IN
WHICH "SEVERAL" VILLAGERS KILLED AND 120 HOUSES DESTROYED,
PORTUGUESE UNIT "CONSISTING ENTIRELY" OF "GUINEANS"
(I.E. BLACKS) TRAPPED PAIGC UNIT "ON BANK OF MORUCOTO
RIVER" AS PAIGC WAS "TRYING TO INFILTRATE NATIONAL
TERRITORY FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA." IN ENSUING
BATTLE, "22 TERRORISTS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE
WHITE AND PRESUMABLY CUBANS, WERE KILLED."

2. ALTHOUGH WORDING OF PRESS REPORT IS FUZZY, IT
APPEARS IMPLY ACTION TOOK PLACE WITHIN PORTUGUESE GUINEA.

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HOWEVER, WE WONDER IF PORTUGUESE UNIT MAY NOT HAVE
MADE INCURSION INTO REP. OF GUINEA, SINCE HERETOFORE,

TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, CUBANS OR OTHER WHITES HAVE
NOT OPERATED IN APPRECIABLE NUMBERS WITH PAIGC FORCES
INSIDE PORTUGUESE GUINEA. LOCAL PRESS PLAY GIVEN
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS LONG-STANDING PORTUGUESE CONTENTION
THAT AFRICAN INSURGENCIES ARE DEPENDENT ON FOREIGNERS.
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